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SUBJECT: GOTG POSITION ON KOREA RESOLUTIONS BEFORE UNGA

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1. CHARGE SPOKE WITH SEC GEN GOTG CHRISTENSNE AUG. 25 REQUESTING GAMBIA'S CO-SPONSORSHIP FRIENDLY KOREAN RESOLUTION. CHRISTENSEN REITERATED GAMBIA'S INCLINATION SUPPORT ROK, NOTING GAMBIA DEL COLOMBO NAM WAS AMONG THOSE WHO FORMALLY TOOK EXCEPTION TO KOREAN RESOLUTION ADOPTED AT COLOMBO SESSION. ROK AMBASSADOR WASIN BANJUL AUG. 23-28, AND LEFT QUITE OPTIMISTIC THAT GAMBIANS WOULD CO-SPONSOR FRIENDLY RES. CHRISTENSEN SAID ISSUE WOULD BE RAISED WITH FO MIN A.B. N'JIE, FOLLOWING HIS RETURN TO BANJUL FROM COLOMBO AUG. 29. CHARGE HAS ASKED TO SEE N'JIE PRIOR FORMER'S SEPT. 2. DEPARTURE ON R AND R.

2. ALSO ON AUG. 25, NORTH KOREAN EMBASSY CALLED "PRESS CONFERENCE," ATTENDED BY SEVERAL DIPLOMATIC REPS AND LOCAL JOURNALISTS. DURING "CONFERENCE" NORTH KOREAN CHARGE REPORTEDLY DENOUNCED US IN CRUDE PROPAGANDA ATTACK, WHILE PORTRAYING MURDERS  
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US ARMY OFFICERS IN HIGHLY TENDENTIOUS TERMS. "PRESS

CONFERENCE" WAS PALYED AS STRAIGHT NEWS ITEM, WITHOUT COMMENT, IN SEVERAL OF BANJUL'S LIVELY, PRIVATELY PRINTED, MIMEOGRAPHED NEWS SHEETS. ITEM WAS IGNORED BY RADIO GAMBIA AND OFFICIAL NEWSPAPER, ALTHOUGH REPORTEDLY REPS OF BOTH ATTENDED.

3. AT SUGGESTION CHRISTENSEN, CHARGE SENT NOTE TO MINISTRY EXTERNAL AFFAIRS CALLING ATTENTION TO CRUDE NORTH KOREAN PROPAGANDA ATTACK ON US. NOTE POINTED OUT US EMBASSY REFRAINS FROM ATTACKING THIRD COUNTRY REPS WITH WHICH GAMBIA MAINTAINS DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS, SUGGESTING OTHER MISSIONS SHOULD EXERCISE SIMILAR RESTRAINT. NOTE CONCLUDED BY PROTESTING THIS NORTH KOREAN ABUSE OF GAMBIA HOSPITALITY. NORTH K KOREANS WERE CALLED ON CARPET BY FO MIN J'JIE IN FALL OF 1975 FOR PROPAGANDIZING AND WE EXPECT GOTG WILL AGAIN RAP NK KNUCKLES.

4. CLIMATE APPEARS GOOD FOR CONTINUED COOPERATION GOTG WITH PRO-ROK FORCES. GAMBIANS MOSTLY APPALLED BY NORTH KOREANS CONFRONTATIONAL APPROACH, AND AT LEAST ONE STRONG FACTION IN GOTG REMAINS GENUINELY EMBARRASSED BY GAMBIA'S ULTIMATE HANDLING OF KOREAN ISSUE IN 30TH GA. SUGGEST USUN OFFICERS WILL WANT TO BE IN REGULAR TOUCH WITH GAMBIA DEL (ARRIVING NEW YORK MID-SEPTEMBER) AS KOREAN ITEM DEVELOPS DURING THIS UNGA SESSION.WYGANT

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